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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

Responsive to the Notice to Comply dated July 23, 2001, Applicants submit herewith amendments to the specification, a substitute Sequence Listing, and a corresponding Computer-Readable Sequence Listing.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 25, through page 5, line 11, with the following paragraph:

--PCR (polymerase chain reaction) is performed by using chromosomal DNA of *Brevibacterium lactofermentum* such as *Brevibacterium lactofermentum* ATCC13869 as a template and primers having nucleotide sequences of regions in the *gltBD* genes of *Escherichia Coli* K-12 (*Gene*, vol. 60, pp. 1-11 (1987) and yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, GenBank Accession No. X89221) exhibiting high homology, for example, those having nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 2 shown in Sequence Listing, to obtain a DNA